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In re Application of: )  
Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.*, based on ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
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For: **ALDEHYDE DEHYDROGENASE** )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the amendment set forth below. Because this Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the above-identified application, no fee is believed due. If, however, a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 14 of this paper.